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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of: Takenori IDEHARA
 For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING
 METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM

Prior Application:

U.S. Serial No.: 09/082,127
 Filed: May 20, 1998
 Group Art Unit: 2624
 Examiner: King Y. Poon

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**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION
 APPLICATION (CPA) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)), of Application Serial No. 09/082,127, filed on May 20, 1998, by Takenori IDEHARA, entitled INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM.

1. The above-identified prior Application Serial No. 09/082,127, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

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2. Please use the file jacket and contents of the prior Application Serial No. 09/082,127, including the specification, drawings, and declaration to constitute the new application.

3. Claims 9-22, 25-27, 33-35, 37-41, and 56-59 are present in this application. Claims 9, 14, 19, 25-27, 33, 37, 38, 41, and 56 are independent claims and claims 10-13, 15-18, 20-22, 34, 35, 39, 40, and 57-59 are dependent claims.

4. Please enter the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which was previously filed on July 9, 2001, but not entered by the Examiner, and which amends independent claims 9, 14, 19, 25-27, 33, 37, and 56, amends dependent claims 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 34, and 59, and cancels independent claims 7, 30, and 31.

5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims currently existing in the prior application Serial No. 09/082,127, as amended by the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on July 9, 2001, which is being entered as a Preliminary Amendment.

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| Fee | No. filed | No. extra* | Rate | Fee | OR | Rate | Fee |
| Basic fee | | | | \$355 | OR | | \$710 |
| Total claims | 29-20= | 9 | X \$9= | \$0 | OR | X \$18= | \$162 |
| Independent claims | 11-3= | 8 | X \$40= | \$0 | OR | X \$80= | \$640 |
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6. Please charge the \$1,512.00 fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

7. Enclosed is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, extending the three-month period of response to the Office Action, mailed April 6, 2001, to

September 6, 2001. The Petition includes authorization for charging the Petition fee against the Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

8. The prior Application Serial No. 09/082,127, filed on May 20, 1998, is assigned of record by virtue of an Assignment by Takenori IDEHARA to MINOLTA CO., LTD., as recorded on **Reel 9357, Frame 0661**.

9. The Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No. 09/082,127, was filed by Takenori IDEHARA, and is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD, Dallas, Texas. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367. Please submit all correspondence to the Dallas address associated with Customer No. 24367.

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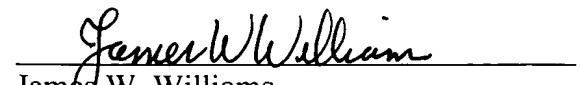
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Respectfully submitted,



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